



## Arizona Department of Public Safety

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# Violent Criminal Apprehension Team has arrested 336 fugitives since late May of 2008

*13 fugitives arrested last week*

*446 Felony Warrants cleared*

On May 12, 2008, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) was directed to develop a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional statewide plan to identify and arrest individuals with outstanding felony warrants. This statewide effort is known as the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team (VCAT).

So far, VCAT efforts have resulted in the arrests of **336** fugitives, including **13** last week. A total of **446** felony warrants have been cleared. Some of those arrested last week include:

**Richard C. Arnold** of Maricopa was arrested for a felony warrant out of the U.S. District Court for Prohibited Possessor of a Firearm charge. During a traffic stop by a DPS Officer, Arnold was found to have a bullet proof vest, a loaded .308 caliber rifle, and marijuana. Arnold has an extensive criminal history of violence.

**Phillip Edward Baldwin** of Glendale was arrested for a felony warrant out of the Maricopa County Superior Court for Probation Violation on Indecent Exposure charges. Baldwin has admitted to stocking children and following children to school. Baldwin is a registered sex offender.

**Phillip Grubb** of Phoenix was arrested for a felony warrant out of the Maricopa County Superior Court on a Probation Violation for Sexual Assault.

**Yolanda Lorena Young** of El Mirage was arrested for a felony warrant out of Maricopa County Superior Court for four counts of robbery charges in the City of El Mirage. Young admitted to committing the four robberies by walking into the banks with a note saying she had a bomb and wanted to the teller to give her cash.

"Our VCAT Officers are working hard every day to locate fugitives. Thanks to the cooperation of numerous law enforcement agencies, we are taking these folks off the street and helping to make communities safer," said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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